

Hemyock Parish Council
Commons Management Group
held at Longmead at 7.30pm on 19th September 2013

Subject	Action
<p>1. <u>Present</u> Mr S Clist (Chair), Mr J Edwards, Mr L Povah, Mr S Major, Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk), and 4 members of the public <u>Apologies</u> Mr I McCulloch</p>	
<p>2. <u>Declarations of Interest/dispensations</u> None declared.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Minutes of Last Meeting</u> PROPOSAL: The Commons Management Group minutes of the 20th August meeting are approved. PROPOSED: Mr Edwards SECONDED: Mr Clist DECISION: passed (all in favour) (2 abstentions as not at previous meeting)</p> <p>At the last meeting there were only 2 members present and the group was unsure if they were quorate. On checking through the rules and standing orders, the clerk has established that there is no statutory quorum for council committees though NALC recommend a minimum of 3. As the Commons Management Group does not have any delegated powers and refers decisions back to full council the following was proposed:- PROPOSAL: 2 members will be required for the group to be quorate. PROPOSED: Mr Edwards SECONDED: Mr Major DECISION: passed (all in favour) (1 abstention) The Clerk will ensure standing orders reflect this.</p>	Clerk
<p>4. <u>Matters arising from previous minutes not on current agenda</u></p> <p>4.1 Lease agreements – The Clerk can find no standard lease agreements on line.</p> <p>4.2 Dogs on Leads – Clerk to email Mr Major the Natural England ‘Dogs on leads’ posters. Mr Major will laminate and make posters for use on Hemyock Common. Mr Allen will put a poster in the portacabin.</p> <p>4.3 Hydrock Letter – the group discussed the letter from Hydrock and it was decided that Mr Major will approach Hydrock to see what working experience they have with Gun Clubs. Mr Major will talk to them about the possibility of a lesser/cheaper option to test the soil on Hemyock Common. Mr Major will report back at next meeting.</p>	Clerk/SM/DA SM
<p>5. <u>George Greenshields’ and Devon Wildlife Trust’s (DWT) reports</u> Both reports recommended similar works, with the exception of burning the bracken on Hemyock Common. It was agreed that the Clerk would invite Edric Hopkinson (DWT) along to the November meeting to give the group more detailed information on an action plan. Clerk will advertise the date and invite parishioners to come along and give their views on Shuttleton Common.</p>	Clerk
<p>6. <u>Items raised by Chairman</u> The Chairman asked for an update on the Himalayan Balsam. The Clerk informed the group she had received a leaflet from Linda Bennett (AONB) giving information on what to do and when. It appears the best time is June and therefore no PR is necessary at this time. The Chair clarified that this was outside of the Commons Management Group remit.</p>	
<p>7. <u>Items raised by Councillors & Others</u></p>	

<p>Mr Major informed the group he was pleased with the constructive progress the group has made. Whilst happy to share information with those attending the meetings he asked that any information shared is treated as confidential.</p>	
<p>8. <u>Public Participation</u> 8.1 How much rubbish was collected from Shuttleton Common? Could you not have sold it for scrap? <i>This was considered. However, the collection included glass, plastic and general rubbish and most of the metal was rusted through and would have had little, if any, value.</i></p>	
<p>9. <u>Summary of Recommendations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Hydrock to see if a cheaper, lesser option is available to test the soil. • Confirm the Himalayan Balsam pulling is outside of the Commons Management remit • Invite Edric Hopkinson along to the November meeting to give more detail on the Shuttleton Common recommendations. Invite parishioners to come along and give their views on what work, if any, should be done at Shuttleton Common 	
<p>10. <u>Next Meeting</u> will be Thursday 24th October at 7.30pm Longmead</p>	

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed.....*Date*.....